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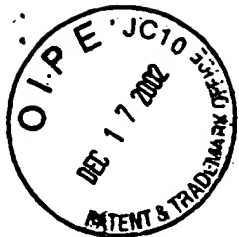
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Inventor(s): OLA M. JOHANSSON ET AL

Title: ADJUSTABLE REFINER PLATE

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY "A"**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**In The Claims**

*Please cancel claims 8 and 50, without prejudice.*

*Please substitute pending claims 1, 20-26, 49 and 51 with the corresponding amended claims as follows:*

1. A rotary disk refiner for refining fiber in a liquid stock comprising:
- a housing having a stock inlet;
  - a rotor within the housing that rotates about an axis of rotation during operation and which has a first refiner plate mounting surface;
  - a second refiner plate mounting surface within the housing that opposes the rotor;